Ice and snow to continue

20 January 2013 - Met Office forecasters are predicting further heavy snow will bring the risk of disruption across eastern areas of Britain on Sunday and Monday, with ice continuing to be a hazard in many other parts.

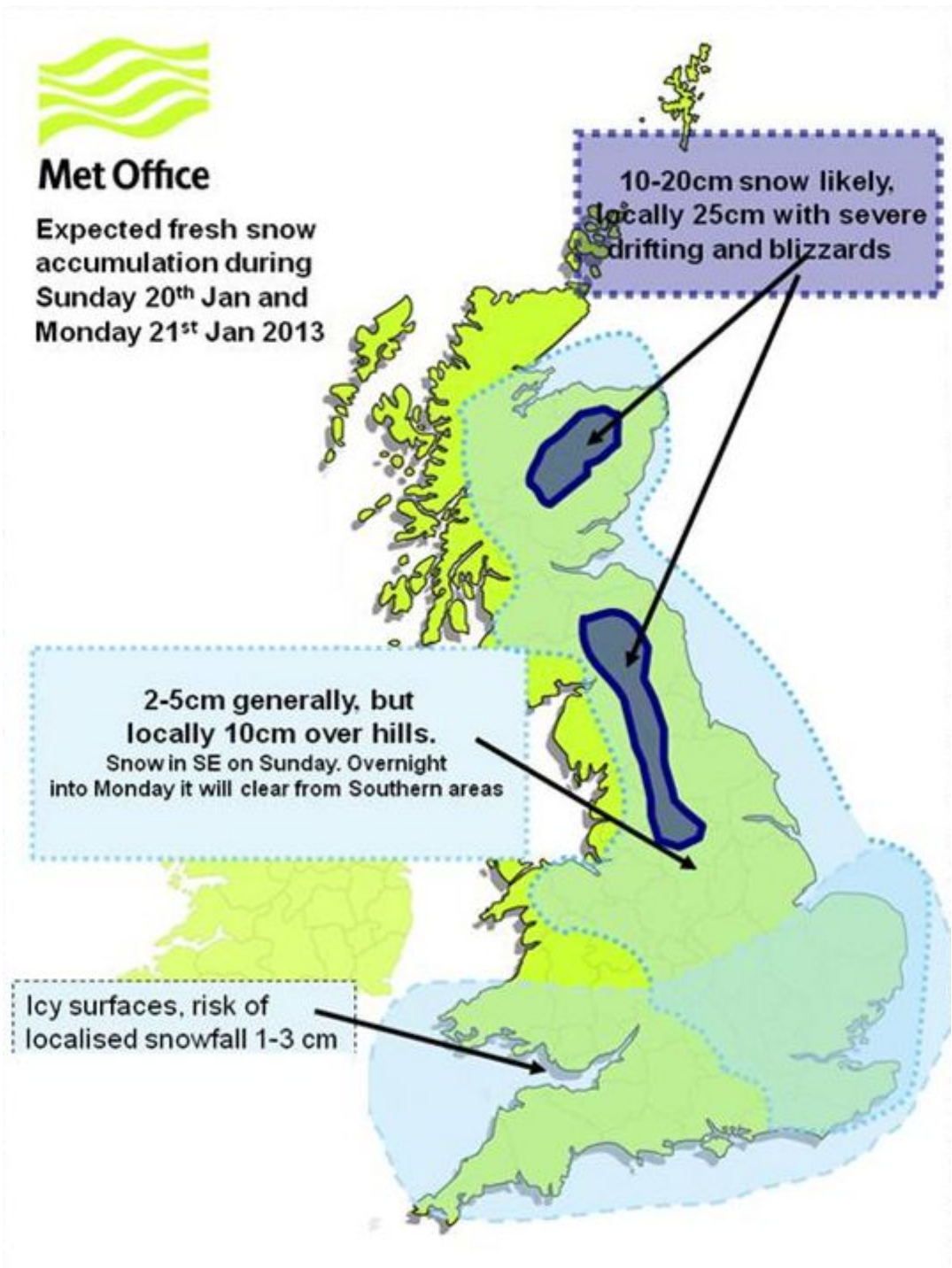
Snow, which will be heavy in places, will move north over central and eastern counties of England during Sunday. The heaviest snowfall is expected over the high ground of northeast England and eastern Scotland overnight and into Monday.

Met Office Severe Weather Warnings have been issued for the ice and snow. An amber warning for heavy snow is in place for parts of northeast England and eastern Scotland where accumulations of up to 25 cm of fresh snow over the hills will drift in the strong easterly winds.

Met Office weather warnings help you plan, prepare and protect yourself and others from the impacts of severe weather. An amber warning means you need to be prepared for the weather and take steps to change your plans and protect you, your family and your community from the impacts of the severe weather.

Martin Young, Met Office Chief Forecaster, said: "Many parts will stay icy over the next few days, and there is the continuing risk of some snow at times almost anywhere. The heaviest snow, however, is expected across parts of eastern England and eastern Scotland through Sunday night and Monday, bringing the risk of disruption in some areas.

"Everyone should keep up to date with the latest weather information and plan ahead for possible travel delays and disruption to transport during this spell of wintry weather."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Expected fresh snow accumulation during Sunday 20th Jan and Monday 21st Jan 2013
10-20cm snow likely, locally 25cm with severe drifting and blizzards
2-5cm generally, but locally 10cm over hills.
Snow in SE on Sunday. Overnight into Monday it will clear from Southern areas
Icy surfaces, risk of localised snowfall 1-3 cm

The wintry conditions will continue through the rest of the week as the battle between the cold air over the UK and mild air trying to push in from the Atlantic continues. Sharp night frosts and temperatures not rising much above freezing by day mean it will stay icy in many areas, although the risk of snow does reduce for a couple of days in the middle of the week.

By thinking ahead we can all be better prepared for severe weather. Throughout the winter, the Met Office works with agencies across the UK to help keep the country safe, well and on the move.

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